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SUBJECT: MAY 12 MEETING OF EXPERTS COMMITTEE

REF: NICOSIA 1577; FBIS TA 121320 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY. FIRST MEETING ON FUNCTIONS, POWERS OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT GOT OFF TO ROCKY START DUE: POSSIBLE FUTURE CONFLICT WITH COE MEETING TO HEAR GOC COMPLAINT AGAINST TURKEY, MAKARIOS' MAY 10 REFERENCE TO "UNITARY" STATE, AND TURK SIDE'S UNWILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS SPECIFICS. NEXT SESSION SET FOR MAY 14, BUT FATE OF SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS IN SOME DOUBT. END SUMMARY.

2. FIRST MEETING OF EXPERTS COMMITTEE LASTED 90 MINUTES MAY 12. IN GOOD ATMOSPHERICS, EXPERTS RESOLVED "PROCEDURAL MATTERS". NEXT SESSION SET FOR 1400Z MAY 14. TURK CYPRIOT MEMBERS WERE NECATI MUNIR, ZAIM NECATI (UMIT SULEYMAN WAS IN LONDON). GREEK CYPRIOT MEMBERS WERE AG CRITON TORNARITIS, SUPREME COURT PRESIDENT MICHAEL TRIANTAFYLLIDES, AND TASSOS PAPADOPOULOS, FLOOR  
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LEADER OF CLERIDES' UNIFIED PARTY. STELLA SOULIOTOU, ALTERNATE, DID NOT ATTEND.

3. ACCORDING UN SOURCE, SEVERAL MAJOR PROBLEMS CLOUDED MEETING.

A. DESPITE EARLIER TENTATIVE PLAN FOR DENKTASH AND CLERIDES TO ATTEND FIRST SESSION, DENKTASH ADAMANTLY REFUSED DUE TO MAKARIOS' REFERENCE TO "UNITARY STATE FOR ALL CYPRIOTS" IN MAY 10 MESSAGE TO "INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE" IN LONDON (REF FBIS TQ 101629Z NOTAL), AND "UNILATERAL SUPPORT" GIVEN GOC BY COMMONWEALTH MEETING. NEITHER MUNIR NOR NECATI RAISED CONTENTIOUS WORD "UNITARY" AT EXPERTS MEETING, THOUGH TURK CYPRIOTS VERY UNHAPPY BY IT.

B. MUNIR DECLARED THAT ALL THREE TURK CYPRIOT MEMBERS WOULD LEAVE THURSDAY, MAY 15, FOR ANKARA TO PREPARE FOR MAY 22/23 DISCUSSION IN COE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE OF GOC COMPLAINT AGAINST TURKEY. MUNIR SAID TURK SIDE HAS NO ALTERNATES FOR EXPERTS COMMITTEE AND THAT HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES WOULD NOT BE ABLE RESUME MEETINGS UNTIL MAY 26. CLERIDES HINTED TODAY THAT TRADE-OFF MIGHT BE ARRANGED WHEREBY GOC WOULD DEFER STRASBOURG DISCUSSION OF COMPLAINT AGAINST TURKEY IF LATTER WOULD POSTPONE REFERENDUM ON MAY 18 CONSTITUTION. (WALDHEIM HAS IN PAST FEW DAYS INTERVENED WITH GOT TO DEFER REFERENDUM; SPECIAL REP WECKMANN HAS MADE SIMILAR DEMARCHE TO DENKTASH.) CLERIDES AND DENKTASH, WITH UNFICYP MEDIATION, WILL TRY TO RESOLVE SCHEDULE CONFLICT BY MORNING MAY 14.

C. MUNIR WAS NOT READY TO TALK SUBSTANCE, BUT UNDERTOOK TO "TRY" TO HAVE TENTATIVE LIST OF POWERS, FUNCTIONS OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT BY NEXT MEETING. GREEK SIDE WANTS TO DRAW UP LISTS FOR BOTH CENTRAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS, , WHILE TURK SIDE PREFERS SINGLE LIST FOR REGIONS, LEAVING ALL ELSE TO "CENTRAL GOVERNMENT".

D. MUNIR EXPLAINED THAT TURK WILLINGNESS DISCUSS POWERS, FUNCTIONS DEPENDS ON PERCENTAGE OF TURK PARTICIPATION IN FUTURE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. TURK INTENT IS TO MOVE GREEK CYPRIOTS AWAY FROM 80-20 RATIO.

5. MEANWHILE, ECMEL BARUTCU, GOT FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DIRECTOR OF GREEK AND CYPRIOT AFFAIRS, IS IN NICOSIA. DENKTASH ADVISOR VEDAT  
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CHELIK WAS SUMMONED TO ANKARA MORNING MAY 12 ON SHORT NOTICE. CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY IS HOLDING EXTRAORDINARY, CLOSED SESSION THIS AFTERNOON. RELATIONSHIP, IF ANY, OF THIS ACTIVITY TO CURRENT DIPLOMACY IS UNCLEAR.

6. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN TOLD BY UN SOURCE THAT GOT INFORMED DENKTASH THAT HE WILL BE UNABLE TO DISCUSS RETURN OF FAMAGUSTA, MORPHOU IN VIENNA II NEGOTIATION.

7. COMMENT: EACH SIDE IS OFFERING TO THE OTHER NEW EXCUSES

FOR DELAY, RECRIMINATION. PROSPECT FOR VIENNA IS CLOUDING, PARTICULARLY IF PARA 6 INFO PROVES CORRECT AND TURKS RENEGE ON COMMITMENT IN MAY 3 COMMUNIQUE TO PRODUCE "CONCRETE POSITIONS" ON "GEOGRAPHICAL ASPECTS OF A POSSIBLE FUTURE SETTLEMENT." FURTHER, IF TURK CYPRIOT MEMBERS LEAVE ISLAND FOR 11 DAYS, EXPERTS COMMITTEE WILL BE HARD PRESSED TO COME UP WITH USEFUL DOCUMENT BY JUNE 5. WE SUSPECT THAT DECISION TO SEND THESE MEMBERS AS "ADVISORS" TO GOT TEAM IN STRASBOURG IS ANKARA'S COUNTER TO GOC SUCCESS IN RAISING COMPLAINT AGAINST TURKEY. WE DOUBT THAT TURKS WILL MAKE ANY TRADE-OFF ALONG LINES HINTED BY CLERIDES. FINALLY, GOC RESURRECTION OF "UNITARY" IN PIO RELEASE AND CBC BROADCAST GIVES TURKS A MINOR PROPAGANDA TRUMP, BECAUSE PRE-COUP GREEK LEXICON CLEARLY POSITED "UNITARY" STATE AS ANTONYM FOR "FEDERAL"ONE. UNSGY AND HIS LOCAL TEAM HAVE A MAJOR CHORE AHEAD OF THEM, IF MOMENTUM TOWARD VIENNA II IS TO BE SUSTAINED. END COMMENT. BROWN

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